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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

Hitoshi Terakado

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For:

Rotary Throttle Valve Carburetor

Group Art Unit:

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Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

Applicant is inquiring as to the status of this application. The application was filed on March 26, 2001 (over 3 years ago) and there has not yet been an Office Action issued in the application. Please advise when we might expect an Office Action.

A reply dated 09/10/02 from the USPTO to an earlier status inquiry advised that an Office Action could be expected in 8 to 11 months from the reply date.

Respectfully submitted,

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